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UNITED STATES  
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

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March 23, 1995

Dear Dr. Hochbaum:

Enclosed for your consideration is a proposal for the creation of a Holocaust Victim's Database that will become an integral part of the Benjamin and Vladka Meed National Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. Permit me to stress two aspects of the proposal.

The proposal is responsive to the tens of thousands of requests from survivors and their families for information on the dead. The absence of knowledge regarding the fate of those who were lost is a wound that requires closing, most especially during the final years of a survivor's life. Hundreds of thousands of people visit the Registry and after seeing the names of the living, their next request is for information on the dead.

All of our work will be made available to Yad Vashem so that this project should not be viewed as competitive but cooperative to the improvement of the resources at both institutions. Yad Vashem is fully conversant with our plans and this project should spur the further computerization of their names as well.

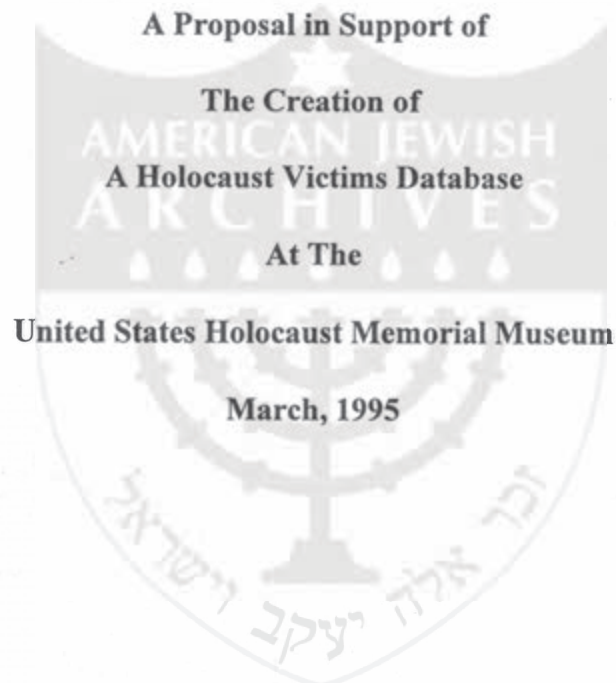
Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely yours,

*Michael Berenbaum*  
Michael Berenbaum, Director  
US Holocaust Research Center

Dr. Jerry Hochbaum  
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture  
15 East 26th Street  
New York, New York 10010

cc: Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Benjamin Meed



## A HOLOCAUST VICTIMS DATABASE

### Summary of Request

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) is asking the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture to consider a grant of \$250,000, payable over five years, to support the Holocaust Victims Database project. The database will contain names of and documentary information about Holocaust victims. This database will fill a void because, currently, no such comprehensive database exists anywhere in the world. It is only fitting that it will be developed and housed in the United States Holocaust Research Institute, the scholarly division of the Museum.

### Background

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's mission is to advance and disseminate knowledge about this unprecedented tragedy to a broad and diverse public, to preserve the memory of those who suffered, and to encourage its visitors to reflect upon the moral questions raised by the Holocaust and their own responsibilities as citizens of a democracy.

Its goal is to be a major focus of Holocaust and Holocaust-related studies in North America and the world. It is currently one of the most important global resources anywhere dealing with the history of the Holocaust and remembrance of its victims.

By virtue of its commitment to relate this unique history to contemporary events, the USHMM also acts as an advocate on behalf of current and future victims of genocide, mass murder, and racial and ethnic prejudice. It is a clarion call against indifference and inattention.

The USHMM strives to broaden public understanding of the history of the Holocaust through many kinds of programs. These include:

- o permanent and temporary exhibitions.
- o research and publication.
- o collecting and preserving material evidence, art, and artifacts relating to the Holocaust.
- o annual commemoration of the Holocaust through the public program Days of Remembrance.
- o distribution of educational materials and teacher resources as well as advice on curriculum development to schools and individuals throughout the United States.
- o public programs and events designed to enhance understanding of the Holocaust and related issues including current world events.
- o a registration of Jewish Holocaust survivors, gathered for posterity and substantiation of historical events.
- o the compilation, preservation and dissemination of first person oral histories.

Founded in December 1993, the United States Holocaust Research Institute's mission is to serve as an international resource for the development of research on the Holocaust and related issues, including those of contemporary significance.



The Institute consists of eight departments -- Academic Programs (including Academic Publications), Library, Archive, Photo Archive, Oral History Department and Archive, Film and Video Department and Archive, the Wexner Learning Center, and the Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

The Institute fosters research in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, broadly defined. Fields of inquiry include, but are not limited to:

- Historiography and documentation of the Holocaust
- Ethics and the Holocaust
- Comparative genocide studies
- Impact of the Holocaust on contemporary society and culture

Other areas of concern include refuge and rescue, and propaganda and mass media as they relate to genocide.

The Institute welcomes a variety of approaches by scholars in history, political science, philosophy, religion, sociology, literature, psychology, and other disciplines. It especially encourages scholarly work that utilizes the extraordinarily rich archival materials that the Museum has collected in Eastern Europe, Germany, and the former USSR.

The Institute's collections cover a wide range of subjects pertaining to the Holocaust, its origins and its aftermath. The Institute pursues an active acquisitions program to gather materials of interest to scholars of the Holocaust because it recognizes the limited window of opportunity that exists for reasons of changing generations and possible political instability. Information regarding collections is made as accessible as possible to researchers.

### **Project Rationale and Description**

The Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors is a computer database of more than 90,000 names of Holocaust survivors and their family members. The idea for the Registry was conceived at the first international gathering of survivors in Jerusalem in 1981. Two years later, the meeting of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Washington, D.C. made it possible to create a list of almost 50,000 names of survivors and their immediate relatives. Thereafter, the Registry quickly developed into a large scale attempt to list all survivors living in the United States.

In April 1993 the Registry was transferred to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Open seven days a week from 10 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., the Registry is now located on the fifth floor of the Museum in the U.S. Holocaust Research Institute. Visitors can access basic information concerning a survivor's wartime history as well as photographs, when supplied, using touch screen computers. The Registry serves as a resource for researchers, scholars, survivors and their families.

For the Registry's purposes, any person displaced by the racial, political and religious policies of the Nazis and their allies is considered to be a survivor. The Registry includes the names of

survivors who are now deceased, but does not indicate that they have passed away. This information remains in the files of the Registry and is kept strictly confidential. Most of the survivors in the Registry emigrated to the United States or Canada following the war, but survivors living in other countries are also included.

Survivors and their children regularly visit the Registry as part of their pilgrimage to the Museum. So too, tens of thousands of Jews from all across the world visit the Registry to search for names of loved ones, those who survived and those who did not. The Registry also performs one additional important function; it is the place that recognizes the unique experience of the survivors and their central role in Remembrance as living witnesses.

Over the past two years, the Holocaust Museum has received tens of thousands of requests for information on missing relatives, on the fate of a loved one, on the quest for any bit of information about those who did not survive. This is the one crucial gap in the Registry, a gap made all the more evident by the success of the Registry in providing a name and some information about survivors.

Over the past quarter century Yad Vashem has gathered names the hard way, name by name, folder by folder, person by person. The Museum completely endorses this important effort and assists Yad Vashem in this essential project. According to current plans, it will take a decade or more for Yad Vashem to computerize these records and by then it will be too late for the survivors.

The Museum proposes an additional approach, complimentary not competitive, with Yad Vashem. It also proposes to share the information regarding names that it receives with Yad Vashem so that this effort can bear fruit on both sides of the continent for all segments of the Jewish world.

The Holocaust Museum has begun to develop a database containing names of and documentary information about Holocaust victims. Currently no such database, which might potentially hold millions of names, exists anywhere in the world although there are many small projects in various stages of completion.

The Victims Database project, which is being developed under the auspices of the Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, will use the latest technology to computerize deportation lists, ghetto and concentration camp rosters, forced labor lists, lists of survivors prepared at the end of the war, as well as many other types of lists that will assist the public interested in tracing individuals who disappeared during the Holocaust. The development phase of this project is expected to take at least five years.

#### Access

The Museum does not anticipate allowing public access to the database for at least three years. Eventually patrons will be able to enter a name, birthplace and any other relevant information and learn immediately what documentation exists about the person or community in question.



Large touch screen computers will make the information accessible to everyone, including individuals with limited computer experience.

### **Types of Documentation**

The project will rely on the following types of sources:

- 1) documentation created by the perpetrators during the period 1933-1945
- 2) documentation created by Jewish and other relief organizations before, during and after the war
- 3) testimonial documentation (provided by surviving family members) such as that held in our own Survivors' Registry and the Hall of Names at Yad Vashem

Our conservative estimate is that at the present moment we have roughly 2 million names in the Museum. This number is a very low estimate because many collections in the archives have not yet been surveyed and the archives and library are acquiring new material on a regular basis.

### **Implementation**

The Registry has begun to organize a network of volunteers to manually input selected collections of lists. Working with regional Jewish genealogy societies -- who have all expressed interest in computerizing Holocaust victim documentation -- we believe we could easily recruit a sizable number of volunteers. We estimate that, with 200 or so volunteers working at home on their own personal computers, we could computerize about 200,000 names in a year's time. The cost involved would be minimal, but there is the disadvantage that we would not be able to control productivity.

### **Funding Need and Request for Support**

In order to ensure that the database grows by a minimum of 250,000 entries per year and also that a high degree of accuracy is maintained, we are seeking \$50,000/year for five years from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. The grant would be used in the following manner:

1. To hire a full-time project coordinator to prepare archival material, computer diskettes, and user manuals to mail to volunteers doing data entry on their home computers. This person would also trouble shoot with the volunteers and run quality tests on the data once it is returned to the Museum.

\$23,000

2. To print out paper copies of microfilmed collections with lists of names. These copies would then be mailed to volunteers who would then input the names and data.

170 reels @ \$100/reel

\$17,000

3. Contract with a professional data entry company to enter roughly 50,000 names @ roughly .20 per entry.

\$10,000

**In Closing**

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is currently one of the most important resources anywhere dealing with the history of the Holocaust and remembrance of its victims. As a memorial, it is the Museum's responsibility to provide access to all information possible that serves to preserve remembrance of the six million victims of the Holocaust. The Museum would like to fulfill its responsibility by creating this Holocaust Victims Database that will ultimately hold millions of entries. With support provided by the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, the Museum will be able to accomplish this goal.

March, 1995





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March 15, 1995

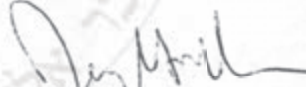
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Dear Dr. Berenbaum,

Rabbi Alexander Schindler asked me to write concerning his visit to the Holocaust Museum last summer, to discuss a submission by you to the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. Six months have past and no submission has been made. As you know, the deadline date for submission of all Institutional applications was February 28.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Jerry Hochbaum  
Executive Vice-President

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cc. Rabbi Alexander Schindler ✓  
Mr. Benjamin Meed





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RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER • UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS  
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March 29, 1995  
27 Adar II 5755

Mr. Jack Spitzer  
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Dear Jack:

Apparently I was in error when I told you I would be attending the meetings of the Claims Conference come June in Israel. I assumed that I was inasmuch the World Union, at Sol Kagan's suggestion, named me its representative to the Conference.

But when I checked with the office to get some of the details of that June 15th meeting, I was told by the secretary that I am not expected there inasmuch as I was named as a representative to the Board and this is an Executive Committee meeting on which I do not serve and which, therefore, excludes me.

I will proceed with my other plans accordingly.

I just wanted you to know that I will be unable to make those representations which we discussed at the meeting of our Administrative Committee.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Mr. Sol Kagan  
Dr. Jerry Hochbaum

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January 19, 1995  
18 Shevat 5755

Sallyann Amdur Sack, Ph.D.  
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Dear Sallyann:

Forgive the brevity of my response, but your material arrived just as I had one foot out of the door. I am off to Augusta, Georgia, then points West and I won't return for another two weeks.

The Boris proposal is very interesting, but of course I have no way of judging it. Happily though, I am the Chairman of the Executive of the Memorial Foundation which lends support to ventures which seek to preserve the Jewish culture. This Foundation draws on sums which were given to it by the German Government many, many years ago. The funds are not sufficient to support this project, but we do have readers - people who are expert in the field, and I would very much like to have their evaluation of this proposal before we proceed.

If this should prove to be of worth, the Memorial Foundation might be able to help, but not very much since the sums we distribute are minuscule. On the other hand, we might be able to point you in the right direction for other foundation support and individuals who might be particularly interested in this venture.

All the very best to you. Rhea saw a copy of your letters and so she has your good wishes which she reciprocates of course.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler





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Dear Rabbi Schindler;

Perhaps you remember me as the cousin of Susie Payne who sits with Rhea and you at her family mitzvahs. I also think of you as the one who shares the same wedding anniversary with Larry and me—something easy to remember since that day long ago when Jeanne Rosenblum gave a shower for Rhea, Jeanne's new sister-in-law and me.

If my dear departed Malcolm Stern were still with us, he would be writing this letter to you, but since he is gone, there is no one else but me to do it.

As you can see, I have sent you a proposal. It was written by Boris Feldblyum, a Russian immigrant who came to the United States about fifteen years ago and whom I have known well for about ten years. If you read the proposal, as I hope you will, you will see that it is a plan to do nothing less than save the records of Jewish presence in the former Soviet Union now held in various archives in that area.

When Boris first told me his idea about a year ago, my reaction was that it was superb, but that I couldn't imagine where he would find the money for it. One of Boris' major assets is his steadfast persistence, and to his credit he has steadily continued to gather support, refine his ideas and look for financial backing.

A number of professional archivists and Jewish leaders here in the Washington area and even further afield endorse the idea and want to help bring it into being. What Boris still needs, however, is someone who can help him get access to potential contributors. I am convinced that if he has the opportunity to speak to individuals or foundation heads with the potential to support him financially, Boris will be able to demonstrate the excellence and value of his idea.

I would also love the opportunity to tell you some of the reasons





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why I think that saving the incredibly rich records of individual Jewish lives in the former Pale of Settlement is so important. For me, it is related to my belief that teaching Jewish youngsters about their individual family history is one of the best ways of developing an appreciation for and love of being Jewish. I have seen it happen in my own and other families; In fact, I would love nothing better than to develop a program for all of Jewish religious schools in the United States (something they already have in Israeli schools, by the way). Among others, the kinds of records that Boris proposes to save would be essential to this kind of effort.

In recent years, I have had considerable dealings with archivists in the former Soviet Union. This has convinced me that we must follow Boris' path if we are to save the records of our heritage in those places. The vagaries of politics, lack of money, lack of interest, etc. just put these records at considerable peril. For example, recently a 19th century book of Jewish birth records, stolen from the Lithuanian State Archives (!) was offered for sale to me. I didn't buy it; I certainly don't want to do anything to encourage further theft. On the other hand, I have no illusions; someone else probably did buy it and the practice can only continue.

Of course, I know the immense demands on your time, but I hope you will want to help either by writing your own letter of support and/or by suggesting people to whom Boris might turn for the money he needs.

Sincerely,

*Sallyann Sack, PhD*

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January 30, 1995

Saul Kagan  
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Dear Saul:

With this letter I offer my formal resignation as a member of the Board of Directors of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Inc., representing the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

I am confident future World Union representatives will only enhance our participation.

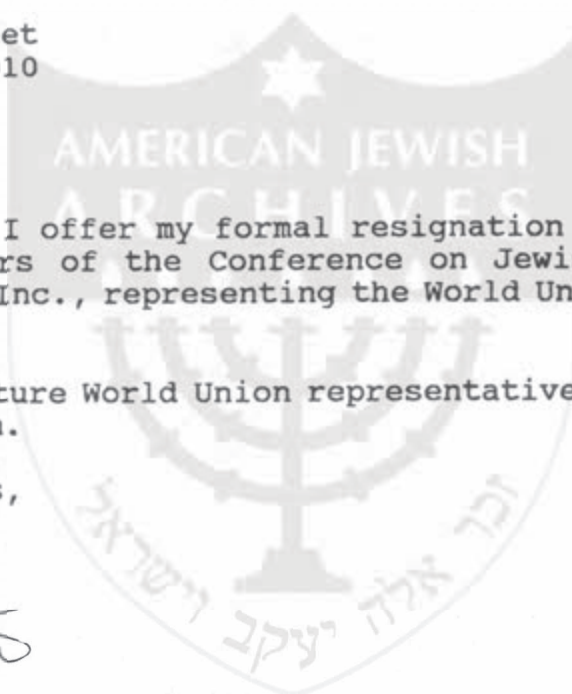
With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin

cc: Donald S. Day  
Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch  
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

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January 18, 1995

Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin  
World Union for Progressive Judaism  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Cliff:

So you know, Dick and I have agreed to appoint Alex Schindler as a representative of the World Union to the Claims Conference. Enclosed find a copy of Alex's letter to me of January 3 together with a copy of Saul Kagan's letter to him of December 27.

Would you please send to Saul Kagan a letter of resignation as a member of the Claims Conference Board of Directors so that we can implement the change. Please copy me on it for my files. Thanks.

Don

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Enclosures

cc: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch



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Dear Don:

I didn't realize that I was complicating life as much as all that, but as you can see by the letter from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, it raises a problem of which I, at least, wasn't aware, and I hate to subject you to such a choice.

Maybe the technical requirements of the Claims Conference can be met if you indicate that should meetings be held in the United States, Cliff Kulwin will be the second official delegate, but should meetings be held in Europe or in Israel, Hugo Gryn will be the second delegate of the World Union.

I didn't realize that they were such sticklers for rules, but I suppose they have to have them for "self protection."

All the very best to you and Edy for the coming year. May it bring you nothing but joy and above all, good health.

Fondly,

Alexander M. Schindler



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December 27, 1994

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Dear Alex:

I hasten to acknowledge your letter of December 20th concerning the decision of the World Union for Progressive Judaism to designate you as one of their representatives to the Claims Conference. In order to formalize your designation it will be necessary for one of the two present designees of the WUPJ to resign. The current two designees are Rabbi Hugo Gryn and Rabbi C.M. Kulwin.

Our By-Laws provide: "If a vacancy shall occur in the Board of Directors by death, resignation, or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors providing, however, that the Director elected to fill such vacancy shall be designated by the member which designated his predecessor." The official action by the Board of Directors is obviously a pure formality but it cannot be taken until we receive the resignation from one of the current directors who were designated by the WUPJ.

To sum up, please advise Donald Day that in order to comply with our By-Laws it will be necessary:

- (a) for either Hugo Gryn or C.M. Kulwin to send to the Claims Conference a letter of resignation as member of the Claims Conference Board of Directors, and
- (b) for the World Union of Progressive Judaism to notify the Claims Conference officially that you have been designated to replace the director who resigned.

I trust that these formalities will not present any problems so that your designation will be officially in order.

*The very best for the New Year!*

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Cordially yours,

*Saul*  
Saul Kagan

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January 19, 1995  
18 Shevat 5755

Mr. Jack Spitzer  
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Kirkland, WA 98083

Dear Jack:

It was good to be with you and to see you looking so well.

On one minor matter: I have given some further thought to your proposal to include Hadassah as a member of the Memorial Foundation and to encourage the process of their admission. Aside from the fact that they really don't engage in cultural educational efforts in the true sense of the word as the Memorial Foundation perceives it, I think that it would be a political error to push for their admission now. The political climate is not ripe for it. I am absolutely convinced that they would join the forces of those who would transfer this entire endeavor to Israel and under the aegis of the Jewish Agency, which, of course, would mean that the money would be dissipated in the blink of an eye.

When I say Jewish Agency, I don't mean those who provide the funds, but rather the World Zionist Organization whose minions are most politicized and really would not take care of this precious heritage which is the inheritance not just of Israelis but of world Jewry.

You can take my word that Hadassah will be aligned with the WZO. They have for all these years, with a blind loyalty. Why add potential enemies until this particular issue is resolved?

All the very, very best. May you continue to be in good health and good spirit.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

BCC: JERRY HOCHBAUM





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*The very best for the New Year!*



Saul Kagan

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✓  
December 28, 1995  
25 Tevet 5755

Mr. Jack J. Spitzer  
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture  
9725 S.E. 36th Street, #304  
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Dear Jack:

Your plan for a Memorial Foundation "development committee" is interesting and one<sup>one</sup> which I applaud. I am delighted to accept your invitation to serve and will do so gladly.

I do hope that you will provide ample lead time before calling meetings for this committee, for my own travel schedule is, as you know, quite frenetic and I consider this to be of the utmost importance and thus will not want to miss critical meetings. Perhaps Carmi would be good enough to check with my office before finalizing any meeting dates; that would be very much appreciated.

Again, all the best for 1995.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



# MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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December 23, 1994

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex:

As you know, the Foundation for the past 30 years has been doing a phenomenal job with modest resources. Fortunately, the German government has seen fit to recognize our achievements by additional contributions to our cause. But, our resources are still far too limited in terms of the challenges which are ours based upon our record of service.

Our Executive Vice-President, Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, has initiated some very important alliances with several foundations who have joined with us in specific ventures and permitted us, as a result, to expand our areas of service and effectiveness.

But, clearly, we need to grow and I, therefore, ask that you serve on a "development committee" which Carmi Schwartz will chair and on which other very qualified and able persons are being invited to serve.

The nature of this committee will be somewhat special because it is not our desire or intention to run fundraising campaigns which, in any degree either compete with our own members or are of a nature which would require significant staff involvement for implementation. What is contemplated is a very sophisticated and directed effort to sources that might be receptive to being allied with the Memorial Foundation.

I, of course, will be happy to serve on the committee in an ex-officio capacity and Dr. Hochbaum will provide our staff support.

You will shortly be advised of the date of the first meeting of the committee, but I would appreciate a communication from you either by telephone, fax or expedited mail confirming your willingness to serve in this very important capacity.

May I, at this time, also wish for you a very Happy New Year, a year of good health, happiness, productivity and peace.

Sincerely,



Jack J. Spitzer

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December 20, 1994  
17 Tevet 5755

Mr. Sol Kagan  
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture  
Claims Conference  
15 East 26th Street  
New York, NY 10010

Dear Sol:

As you can see by the enclosed letter and following our conversation earlier this month, the World Union has now appointed me as their representative to the Claims Commission.

Thanks for thinking of this way of involving me.

With fond good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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December 20, 1994  
17 Tevet 5755

Mr. Donald Day  
Saperston & Day, P.C.  
1100 M & T Center  
3 Fountain Plaza  
Buffalo, NY 14203

Dear Don:

I have your letter regarding the Claims Conference representation. Thank you so much for following up on that. Needless to say, I will give you regular reports of what transpires at these meetings.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler





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December 16, 1994

## PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
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Dear Alex:

Just a note to follow up on our telephone conversation about the Claims Commission. I understand that Dick has also talked to you about it. Both he and I agree that it would be very beneficial for you to be appointed a delegate of the World Union.

Please let me know if they need a formal designation.

Warmly

Donald S. Day/csa  
Donald S. Day

DSD:csa

Dictated but not read



*mem 7d.*

October 3, 1994  
28 Tishri 5755

Jack J. Spitzer  
#304, Globe Building  
9725 S.E. 36th Street  
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Dear Jack:

Sorry for this delayed response to your letter of September 19, albeit I realize you are only returning from London in a day or two. Now that the holidays are over and we get back to five day work weeks, perhaps the accumulation of correspondence won't be so great...on the other hand, now the various organizational meetings begin full force!!

Be that as it may, Spielberg's attorney is Bruce Raimer and his telephone number is either 213 or 310 (L.A. area codes have changed in some locations) - 463-4863. I can't really arrange a formal introduction as I've never met him, we've merely talked on the phone a few times and he was very pleasant. I'm not even certain that his area of endeavor includes the new Foundation but you might take a chance and give him a call.

Jack, did you ever discuss with Israel Miller the matter or restitution for confiscated Jewish communal buildings and property and the need for the Memorial Foundation to convene representatives of the Jewish Agency, World Jewish Congress, and the Claims Conference in order to stake our own right to these funds? I think it would be well if we were to do so sooner rather than later lest in a vacuum we loose all of this to others.

Rhea and I join in sending fondest regards to you and Charlotte.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

*cc Hochberg*  
*cc D. Lange*

## SPIELBERG TO DONATE 'SCHINDLER' PROFITS

By Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 29 (JTA) -- All of Steven Spielberg's personal profits from his Academy Award-winning film "Schindler's List" will go to the newly established Righteous Persons Foundation.

Creation of the foundation was confirmed by Chris Kelly, Spielberg's spokeswoman, although no formal announcement will be made until Oct. 1, when the foundation director, Margery Tabankin, will begin her job.

Tabankin is a longtime head of the Hollywood Women's Political Committee and served as director of Volunteers in Service to America during the Carter administration.

The foundation's endowment has not been determined, said Kelly, who would not comment on a rumored figure of \$25 million.

One focus of the foundation will be Holocaust education, although its scope is expected to extend to other Jewish causes.

Numerous proposals from Jewish organizations and institutions have already been received, Kelly said.

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know —

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September 19, 1994

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Dear Alex:

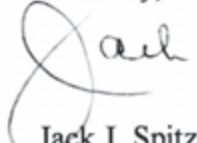
May I draw your attention to the enclosed brief story of the establishment of the "Righteous Persons Foundation" established with Steven Spielberg's profits from "Schindler's List".

I recall your stating you know Spielberg's attorney who probably set up the Foundation.

Can you arrange an introduction for me (and phone and fax numbers) to the Foundation Director when I am in Los Angeles in October.

My warmest regards.

Sincerely,

  
Jack J. Spitzer

Enclosure

*Bruce Rainer*  
*463.4863*  
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September 9, 1994  
4 Tishri 5755

Dr. Jerry Hochbaum  
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture  
15 East 26th Street  
New York, NY 10010

Dear Jerry:

It was good talking with you. As I told you, my meeting with Singer went rather well. He had no kicks about being appointed to the Executive Committee - - at least he expressed none to me.

The only item concerning the Memorial Foundation which he raised with me (we had several WJC matters to discuss) related to his desire to have a meeting of WJC, the WZO and the Claims Conference to be convened by us in order to consider the matter of properties that will be turned over to the Jewish community by the German government and hopefully by other European States.

As I told you also, I discussed this with Jack Spitzer, who indicated that he would like to be at the meeting himself and that before convening such a meeting, he wants to have a private conversation with Israel Miller. I hope that he will do so soon.

Singer and I also got to talking about the Lubavitcher Hasidim and in this context I wondered how a movement can survive without a charismatic leader. I asked him whether he knew how many Bratslaver Hasidim there are still around. He told me that several years ago he was in Uman and there were 4,000 people from all over the

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world to pray and plead at the graveside of their rebbe, and this was 200 years after his death (as you know, no successor was ever appointed to Reb Nachman and that is why they call them not just the Umaner or Bratslaver Hasidim, but also the "toite" Hasidim).

This is really a remarkable phenomenon. Is tells me that this has passed on from generation to generation for nearly two centuries and approximately one-third of those who were there came from Israel and the others from different parts of Europe. If there were 4,000 at this occasion, there must be another 40,000 some place else in the world. Think of the machinery that had to be set up in order to plan this event, not just transportation and kosher food, but everything else required, and mind you this was kept up under Communist rule!

To make a long story short, this led me to think that it might be interesting from every perspective - not just religious, but also sociological - to learn how they managed to stay alive and how they have continued from generation to generation seemingly without even a central administrative mechanism and certainly without a national leader. Do you think we could find some doctoral student who might devote himself to such a study? I think it would be fascinating.

Again, all the best for the New Year. May you and those you love enjoy a full measure of good health, happiness and fulfillment.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



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November 10, 1994

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

U. of American Hebrew Congregations

838 Fifth Avenue

New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex:

I look forward to our communication and association on many productive occasions as we work together to further the mission of the Memorial Foundation.

Dr. Hochbaum is now in South America. When he returns, we will be meeting in New York for some planning.

But, when the enclosed letter from Noach Flug, who is a member of our Board arrived, with indication that it was being sent to each of you, I felt an immediate answer was required...and shared with you.

With warmest regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

*Jack*

Jack J. Spitzer

JJS:er

Enclosure

*I hope your trip to Mexico  
was successful.  
Please call when you return.*

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Mr. Noach Flug  
Secretary General Center of Organizations  
of Holocaust Survivors in Israel  
Hechalutz Street, 68/2  
Jerusalem, ISRAEL

November 9, 1994

Dear Noach:

Your fax of November 4 was on my desk when I arrived at my office this morning.

I have no intention to debate your characterization of our 1994 biennial meeting except to insist that the meeting was conducted in complete accordance with our by-laws and rules of procedure set forth to maintain democratic process. No rulings by the chair were discriminatory.

You can be assured that the loss of voting rights and other privileges by member organizations not current in dues payment has been repeatedly brought to the attention of such organizations by our treasurer.

Your reference to a candidacy being denied because that candidate was not present while another candidacy of a person absent was accepted misses the point. The difference was that the accepted candidate had confirmed to the chairman of the nominating committee his willingness to serve if elected; in the case of the candidate suggested from the floor, there was neither such advice to the nominating committee nor was there a statement in writing by the possible candidate of his willingness to serve if elected.

I appreciate your bringing to my attention the action taken to provide simultaneous translation to do business in Hebrew as an additional official language at our biennial Board Meetings. We will do our best to insure this happens.

Your assertion that the chair accepted "on the spot" a decision that priorities in the allocation of funds should be changed is in error. The allocation of funds proceeds in the manner set forth in the by-laws and in established policy, until either are properly amended.

May I remind you that one of the first heinous actions of the Nazis was the bonfires of the books in an effort to destroy Jewish culture, the culture of the "People of the Book". This is the Memorial Foundation's mission, built on the ashes of those bonfires, to rebuild Jewish culture, which includes the whole past and future history of our people, including that horrendous twelve years of the Holocaust. Be assured that from our very beginning,

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Mr. Noach Flug, November 9, 1994

education and research about the Holocaust has been a priority for the Memorial Foundation. Yad Vashem, and our very active Holocaust Committee will testify to that.

You made the assertion that the proportion of funds allocated to administration is too high. Please be specific or rescind your charge.

You charge that no successful effort was carried out to increase the funds of the Foundation. You should know that, by policy, the Memorial Foundation does not conduct the usual organizational fund raising to avoid competing with our own member-organizations, most of whom, if not all, do their own fund-raising. On the other hand, a contact I initiated resulted in an additional gift from the German Government of ten million DM in 1993-94. Dr. Hochbaum has been successful in developing joint ventures with a number of foundations enabling us to expand our projects and effectiveness. Our leadership has been trying for years to collect an obligation of one million DM plus interest. And, we are now in the process of seeking funds from both the Claims Conference and the W.J.R.O.

If you or your organization would be prepared to make a meaningful financial contribution to the Memorial Foundation for its work, it will be both welcome and appreciated.

Your statement that the Memorial Foundation should move its central office to Jerusalem because a majority of the Jewish people is living in Israel is as irrational as your "facts" are erroneous. The Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C. advises that there are 4,340,000 Jews living in Israel. The American Jewish Yearbook reports 12,800,000 Jews in the world, and 5,800,000 Jews in the United States.

But where Jews live is not the criterion as to where our office shall be located. Our clientele is world Jewry. Even more important is that our highly qualified professional leadership and our dedicated staff all live in the vicinity of our present office; there is no justification to uproot or terminate them by a move to Jerusalem.

As President, I have and accept the responsibility that the various committees of the Memorial Foundation fulfill their respective functions.

Since you indicate that copies of your letter were sent to all members of the Executive Committee, I am sharing this reply with them.

Sincerely,

Jack J. Spitzer

JJS:er

cc: Executive Committee of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture



## מרכז ארגונים של ניצולי שואה בישראל

CENTRE OF ORGANIZATIONS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS IN ISRAEL

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November 4, 1994

Mr. Jack Spitzer-President  
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture  
15 East 26 th Street  
New York N.Y. 10010

Dear Mr. President,

1. We acknowledge hereby the receipt of the summaries of decisions taken at the biannual meetings of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee in Riga in June 1994.
  2. Formally the summaries contain most of the decisions accepted during the sessions of the meetings, however it is our strong conviction, that this not a complete and representative picture of what has happened in Riga.
- The real picture of the state of affairs in the Memorial Foundation is entirely different as was well demonstrated during the Biannual in Latvia.
- According to our feeling, and this feeling was shared by numerous members of the Board of Trustees who have also attended the turbulent meetings, the proceedings of the conference were conducted in an extremely undemocratic manner. The officials who directed the meetings used the power invested in them ex officio in a way which was contradictory to our perception of democracy and to the spirit of the Foundation:
- the right to vote was denied to a number of member organizations based on a paragraph of the By-laws, which was never enforced in practice and unprecedentedly were used this time only when it was convenient to the Chair in enforcing its own previously accepted decisions.
  - Moreover, if it was suddenly decided that lack of payment of the membership fees will cause the cancellation of voting right of a delegation, all member organizations should have been warned in advance to that effect.
  - In other cases regulations of the By laws were used in a discriminatory manner, sometimes, when it was opportune, they were applied with meticulous punctuality, sometimes when it fitted the interest of those who run the meetings, they were ignored completely.
- For example: A candidate nominated to one of the posts by one of the delegations and supported by several others, was rejected offhand because as it was said "he was not present", but at the same time another candidate, proposed by the Chair, was accepted without hesitation even though he was absent.
- Even a minor request to postpone a vote for several hours was put to a personal vote and rejected, even though there is no such proviso in the By-laws.
  - In one case a written statement was demanded from a candidate on his agreement to serve in the position, but at the same time another candidate was accepted without any mentioning this requirement.
  - the decision taken unanimously by all the members of the Board of Trustees to declare the Hebrew language as an additional official language of the Foundation, is omitted from the summaries circulated.
4. Several other suggestions, proposed by delegates in financial matters, which were accepted on the spot by the Chair, are also omitted from the summaries.
- According to our understanding the determination of priorities in the allocation of the funds should be changed, and a more sizeable percentage of the whole should be dedicated to keeping



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alive the memory of the Holocaust.

Since the funds of the Foundation are originating from a donation given by the German Government as part of compensation for the sufferings and death of millions of Jews under the Nazi rule in the dark years of the Holocaust and since one of the major factors which unites all the Jews all over the world is this common historical trauma, it is imperative that this important area be covered by the allocation of the Foundation more generously.

With all respect and understand the tremendous importance of religious questions, these problems are not the only important ones for the majority of the Jewish people and therefore there should be an increase in the allocations for Holocaust-related problems.

Moreover, we are convinced that the proportion of funds allocated to administration in our organization is too high, especially when we take into account, that no successful effort was carried out by this administration to increase the amount of funds of the Foundation.

5. We are of the opinion, that major changes should be carried out by the Foundation in order to accomplish its goals determined at the time of its creation:

-Since the majority of the Jewish people is living in the State of Israel the Institutions of the Memorial Foundation should be moved to Jerusalem, the Capital of Israel.

-Since one of the major objectives of the Memorial Foundation is the upkeeping of the memory of the Holocaust, a major change should be decided upon concerning the allocation of its resources in order to increase the funds allocated to the remembrance of the Holocaust and to education to the values and consequences that should be drawn from this unprecedented, tragic event in the history of mankind. More effort should be put on the struggle against the denial of the Holocaust.

-Organizations representing the survivors of the Holocaust should be given proper representation in the executive organs of the Foundation.

-More emphasis should be given to a massive effort of fund-raising in order to multiply the financial potential of the Foundation, until now this field was almost completely neglected.

-We also suggest that in the coming Executive Meeting a decision be taken to elect a new Allocation Committee until the end of this year and this body should revise the priorities and principles of allocations according to the needs of all members of the Organization

6. We know that all the proposals mentioned above are all supported by the Jewish Agency, the Jewish Congress and other member-organizations of the Foundation.

7. We will be very glad to discuss all these points with You as soon as possible in order to prepare jointly the proposals to be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Yours sincerely

N. Flug

N. Flug

Secretary General

Center of Organizations of

Holocaust Survivors in Israel

✓  
October 17, 1994  
12 Heshvan 5755

TO: Paul Rockfeld

From: Edie Miller

Please make payment on the enclosed. it is correct, we  
pay \$2,000. per annum membership dues to the Memorial  
Foundation.





# MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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October 3, 1994

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Mr. Avner Shalev  
Chairman of the Directorate  
Yad Vashem Martyrs' and Heroes'  
Remembrance Authority  
P.O.B. 3477  
Jerusalem 91-034, Israel

Dear Avner:

I am writing to inquire about the status of the Holocaust Manifesto. Almost four months have passed since the meeting of the Foundation in Riga at which we announced the program for Holocaust education and we still have not received the final draft of the Manifesto. A number of our officers are concerned.

Please advise us of its status and when we can get the final draft.

Look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

JH:mb

Dr. Jerry Hochbaum  
Executive Vice President

cc: Rabbi Alexander Schindler ✓  
Mr. Jack Spitzer  
Dr. Joseph Burg  
Prof. Yisroel Gutman



# MEMORANDUM

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2 Page Fax

September 23, 1994  
18 Tishri 5755

From: Edie Miler

To: Dr. Jerry Hochbaum

Here's the design - if ok can get flat to you - or maybe someone can pick it up here...you can then run it as is and also run some copies with your name and Jack's covered over...no need to do second flat...

Let me know if OK and how to get to you.

See 10/3/94 J.H.



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September 8, 1994

Pat --

The Memorial Foundation Chairman decided he wants the old logo back but blown up and placed on top right -- instead of the one you now have....thus the logo need not be used on the bottom of the page...and no fax number...

The director thought his name should be on\ the right and the president on the left -- I said that would be off balance, nicer to keep one above the other as you have..what do you think?

Sorry to be such a pest..out of my hands...





# MEMORANDUM

2 Page Fax

August 24, 1994

Edie Miller to Dr. Jerry Hochbaum

Here's how the letterhead looks - with fax number and logo. The larger logo popped out of the page and looked too busy so they made it smaller - hope that's OK with you.

If you like we'll get the master to you to have the letterhead made up

The closest we came to the blue you liked as #3005 PMS ink and I will get the name of the company as soon as I can *Blue*

By the way, did Jack Spitzer ok the design?

Regards.

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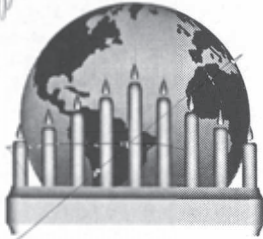


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# MEMORANDUM

One Page Fax

August 18, 1994

11 Elul 5754

TO: Dr. Jerry Hochbaum

From: Edie Miller

Thanks for the logo. I've given it to our art department to include on the draft letterhead. It will probably appear on the bottom of the page, as is now the case.

Do you want the Foundation's fax number as well as the phone number?

Alex urges you to place the president's name as well as your own on the letterhead...Let's discuss. You can also do two letterheads - one sans any names and one with names.

Have found a very good match on the color. Do you want one or two colors for the printing - can be all blue or black and blue. When letterhead is approved we'll have to discuss where it is to be produced...here or elsewhere.. Also, do you want an ivory or white paper and what quality. I presume the envelopes will be printed with same design .

Let's talk next week...am taking day off tomorrow.

Shabbat shalom!



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# MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

15 East 26th Street  
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August 18, 1994

Ms. Edie Miller  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Ave.  
New York, NY 10021

FAX # 570 0895

Dear Edie:

I am faxing a piece of our stationery on which our logo appears at the bottom. As the color is not visible in the fax, I'm also sending a copy of the stationery by mail.

It was good talking with you yesterday.

Warmest wishes to you for a New Year of peace and good health.

Sincerely yours,

JH:mb  
enc.

  
Dr. Jerry Hochbaum  
Executive Vice President

PS: I am also enclosing a copy of the Summary of Decisions taken at the Foundation's Executive Committee meeting in Riga for Rabbi Schindler, which he requested yesterday.



מדינת ישראל  
دولة اسرائيل  
STATE OF ISRAEL

رئيس الدولة  
THE PRESIDENT

הנשיא

Jerusalem, 12th July, 1994

Rabbi Alexander Schindler,  
President,  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations,  
838 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y. 10021,  
U.S.A.

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Upon the conclusion of the Dialogue with representatives of Jewish communities from around the world and Israel, I would like to thank you for your participation.

I see this first meeting at the President's Residence in Jerusalem as the beginning of an effort to redefine relations between Israel and the Jewish communities and to reassess the challenges we approach towards the 21st century.

For me the Dialogue contributed to a better understanding of the problems facing us and, although I regret we did not have the opportunity for a more extensive exchange of views among the participants, I trust that you share my impression. I believe that one of the major conclusions drawn from the discussions is that now is the time for us to work out a new agenda of our relations. With all due respect to the questions of centrality, Jerusalem and Babylon, negation of the "Galut" or the legitimacy of Jewish life in the diaspora, they do not address the major challenges we face.

In our discussions, we focused on the need to strengthen our ties as well as the need to revitalize Jewish education, the knowledge of Hebrew and Jewish culture as a uniting bridge. We succeeded in raising the mutual awareness of the importance of our relations and of the challenges and opportunities we face. Now we must build on this basic achievement and find ways to continue discussing these questions so that we will be able to form a working plan which will unite us in partnership.





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I know how difficult the task ahead of us is and how long the process will be, but I am prepared to dedicate time and energy to this important endeavour.

As I mentioned at the conclusion of the Dialogue, I intend to appoint a Presidential Advisory Committee of 12 members and hope that I will be able to formally announce its establishment by the end of next month.

I would appreciate hearing your views and suggestions on the questions raised above and other related matters. These will be shared with the committee when it is formed.

With my very best wishes and thanks,

Sincerely,

  
Ezer Weizman

August 9, 1994  
2 Elul 5754

Mr. Jack J. Spitzer  
9725 SE 36th, #304  
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Dear Jack:

Your travel schedule runs mine a close second! But I must say, you look none the worse for the wear and tear, as a matter of fact, you look terrific.

It was good to see you and to spend time with you. I felt that we accomplished quite a bit over the few hours we were together.

Thanks for the tentative list. It looks fine to me and we'll have a chance to discuss it further when Jerry returns.

With warm regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

# MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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August 5, 1994

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Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Union of American  
Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alexander:

Back home after our epochal meeting in Riga, I look forward to the great privilege of working with you in furthering the mission of the Memorial Foundation.

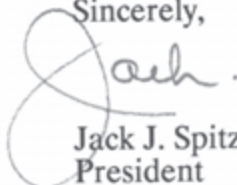
It is my hope and trust that you, as a representative of your prestigious organization, will be actively and constructively involved in that mission.

I am also greatly interested in learning the ways in which you communicate to your organization our function and achievements. Won't you be kind enough to share with me anything that you may have in written form which conveys that communication.

I welcome your suggestions and recommendations as to how we might strengthen our organization. It is my feeling that we, after 30 years of operation of the Foundation, need to review and examine into our operation to ensure that we are doing the best possible job, within our resources.

May I, at this early date, express my very best wishes for a happy New Year, a year free of the horrendous bombings which have sought to intimidate our resolve, and a year of progress toward a meaningful and working peace in Israel.

Sincerely,



Jack J. Spitzer  
President

JJS:sim

- (1) This is the letter you suggested.  
(2) Met with Julie Gorman and will share with you (enclosed) the committee we discussed.  
(3) Dave Goldman will get us the budget detail. The individual allocations are almost 60% of the 94-96 budget.  
(4) ENJOYED BEING WITH YOU AND DINNER. I NOW HAVE MY WALLET!





Alex, this is a tentative list.  
at the very least, to be discussed with  
you and Jerry Wochbaum. Please  
favor me with your reaction.

- ① JULIUS BERMAN, CHAIRMAN
- ② MENACHEM ELON
- ③ CHERYL MARINER (if she comes to N.Y.)
- ④ BOB GOODKIN
- ⑤ VLADKA MEED
- ⑥ ISRAEL SINGER
- ⑦ LEON LEVY
- ⑧ DONALD DAY
- ⑨ ALAN ROSE
- ⑩ BERNICE TANNENBAUM (W.Z.O.)
- ⑪ HORACE STERN
- ⑫ MICHAEL SCHNEIDER
- ⑬ JACK J. SPITZER
- ⑭ ALEX SCHINDLER

Obviously each of the above, if we agree,  
have to accept this responsibility.

*JACK J. & CHARLOTTE SPITZER*

**SCHEDULED ITINERARY**

August 1, 1994

<u>DATES</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PHONE / FAX</u>
August 4-8*	Claims Conference & Memorial Foundation	Waldorf Astoria 301 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022	(212) 355-3000 (212) 421-8103 - Fax
August 9-15	Enjoying Home	9725 SE 36th, #304 Mercer Island, WA 98040	(206) 232-3510 (206) 232-9879 - Fax
August 16-17*	Pacific Linen	Westin Edmonton Hotel 10135 100th Street Edmonton, Alberta	(403) 426-3636 (403) 428-1454 - fax
August 17th--9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.		Vencap Equities 1980 Manulife Place 10180 - 101 Street Edmonton, Alberta	(403) 420-1171 (403) 429-2451
August 18-19	B.B.Y.O. Convention	Pearlman Camp Starlight, PA	
August 20-25	B'nai B'rith International Convention	Hyatt Regency 151 E. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60601	(312) 565-1234 (312) 565-2966 - Fax
August 25-26		Palmer House 17 E. Monroe Street Chicago, IL 60690	(312) 726-7500 (312) 263-2556 - Fax
August 27-Sept 18	Enjoying Home	9725 SE 36th, #304 Mercer Island, WA 98040	(206) 232-3510 (206) 232-9879 - Fax
Sept 19-30		Paris, France	
Sept 30-Oct 4		London Hilton on Park Lane 22 Park Lane London, ENGLAND W1Y4BE United Kingdom	011-071-493-8000 011-071-493-4957 - Fax
October 6-18	Enjoying Home	9725 SE 36th, #304 Mercer Island, WA 98040	(206) 232-3510 (206) 232-9879 - Fax
October 19-23	ADL of B'nai B'rith	c/o Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Linde 2733 South Manning Los Angeles, CA 90064	(310) 553-3060 (310) 836-4632 - Fax



*Jack J. & Charlotte Spitzer  
Scheduled Itinerary*

*August 1, 1994  
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Oct 24-Nov 3	Enjoying Home	9725 SE 36th, #304 Mercer Island, WA 98040	(206) 232-3510 (206) 232-9879 - Fax
November 4-6	U. J. A.	Sheraton Grand Torrey Pines Hotel 10950 N. Torrey Pines Rd. La Jolla, CA 92037	(619) 558-1500 (619) 450-4584 - Fax
November 7-30	Enjoying Home	9725 SE 36th, #304 Mercer Island, WA 98040	(206) 232-3510 (206) 232-9879 - Fax
December 1-8	N.C.O.A.	Washington Hilton Towers 1919 Conn. Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20009	(202) 483-3000 (202) 265-8221 - Fax
December 8-12	Memorial Foundation & J.D.C.	Waldorf Astoria 301 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022	(212) 355-3000 (212) 421-8103 - Fax
December 13-31	Enjoying Home	9725 SE 36th, #304 Mercer Island, WA 98040	(206) 232-3510 (206) 232-9879 - Fax

\*Jack alone.

*When home is shown as Mercer Island, the office telephone number is given. Our home telephone number is (206) 823-6111. For updated information, call Elona Rowe at (206) 232-3510.*



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*Hold for  
Spitzer  
8/4*

July 13, 1994



August 5, 1994

From: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

TO: Pat Vallone

A favor please.

Through me and others, the Reform movement is involved in the work of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, an international organization based in NYC. I would be most grateful if someone in our art department might seek to design a letterhead with a bit more style and pizazz than the enclosed sample.

Many thanks.



August 15, 1994  
8 Elul 5754

Mr. Jack J. Spitzer  
#304 Globe Building  
9725 S.E. 36th Street  
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Dear Jack:

At my request, one of our staff artists designed the enclosed letterhead for the Memorial Foundation. The nine branch Chanukiah has to be changed to a seven branch menorah but that's not a problem if you approve of the concept. I'll be seeing Jerry later this week and will share the sketch with him.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler





ההסתדרות הציונית העולמית  
World Zionist Organization

הסוכנות היהודית לארץ-ישראל  
The Jewish Agency for Israel



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

יחיאל לקט, יו"ר ההנהלה בפועל

Yehiel Leket, Acting Chairman of the Executive

4 August 1994

Dr Jerry Hochbaum  
Executive Director  
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture

Dear Dr Hochbaum,

I received your letter of June 22, 1994 regarding the election of the World Zionist Organization to the Foundation's Executive Committee, and I can inform you that I will serve on the Executive.


As you know, I could not attend the Bi-Annual Convention in Riga, and with great regret I was notified that the Convention did not elect the Chairman of the World Zionist Organization to the post of Vice President of the Foundation. The WZO cannot accept this decision.

Since the inception of the Foundation, all the Chairmen of the WZO have served as Vice President. I understand, that according to the By-Laws, there is a possibility of electing five vice presidents and this quota has already been filled.

Therefore, we request that the By-Laws be amended, if necessary by referendum, to add an additional Vice President, and that should be the Chairman of the World Zionist Organization.

I will be meeting Mr Jack Spitzer and will speak to him too about this subject.

Yours sincerely

  
Yehiel Leket

CC: Mr Jack Spitzer

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MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

RIGA, LATVIA  
June 13, 1994

**Summary of Decisions Taken**

1. The Executive Committee unanimously approved all grants and cancellations listed in the 1994-1996 Allocations Book.
2. After hearing the appeal by the World Federation of Jewish Fighters, Partisans and Camp Inmates, the Executive Committee recommended to the Board of Trustees that the allocation to Yad Vashem for the 50th Anniversary of the Liberation, preparation and publication of educational materials dealing with the liberation (project #94-0765-07), be vacated and replaced with an allocation for that same project to the World Federation, working in conjunction with Yad Vashem, in the amount of \$25,000.
3. The Executive Committee approved the report of the Investment Committee. Carmi Schwartz, the Foundation's treasurer, advised the group that final payment had been made for the grant of 10 million DM received from the Federal Republic of Germany.
4. The report of the Committee on Administration was approved by the Executive Committee. Mr. Jack Spitzer made special mention of the decision of the Committee on Administration to request from the World Jewish Restitution Organization, negotiating with former Communist



countries for the return of Jewish properties, that the Foundation receive a portion of these funds derived from the sale of heirless properties, consonant with the original principles of the negotiations conducted by the Foundation's first President, Nahum Goldmann.

5. The Executive Committee approved the report of the Treasurer and the Foundation's budget for 1994-1996 as presented in the book of documents. The Executive Committee recommended to the Board of Trustees that the budget be reviewed again at the next Executive Committee meeting. If investment income significantly exceeds that projected in the budget, the Executive Committee may make revisions in the allocations. However, no allocations were to be reduced.
6. A letter from Mr. Yehiel Leket, Acting Chairman of the Jewish Agency, which was received several days prior to the meeting, requesting numerous changes in the Foundation's By-Laws was read to the Executive Committee (see attached). The chairman of the Executive Committee had responded that in accordance with the Foundation's by-laws it was too late to be considered at the Riga meeting. The Executive Committee decided that the proposed changes in the By-Laws be taken up by the Executive Committee at its next meeting, and the request that the Jewish Agency be admitted as a member of the Foundation, also contained in that letter, be referred to the Foundation's Membership Committee.





לשכת יו"ר ההנהלה

Office of the Chairman of the Executive

The World Zionist Organization, a member organization of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Inc. (herein "the Corporation") hereby gives notice of the following resolutions it would like to bring before the Board of Trustees of the Corporation, scheduled to take place on June 15, 1994:

1. Be it hereby resolved that the Jewish Agency for Israel be admitted as a member of the Corporation (Article 1-Section 3).
2. Be it hereby resolved that the By-Laws of the Corporation shall be amended as follows:
  - a. Notice of general meetings of the Corporation shall be sent to each Member Organization not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days before the time set for the meeting (AII-S1).
  - b. Any actions taken, committees appointed, commitments made, or undertakings given by or under the authority of the Executive Committee shall be binding on the Corporation, provided they have been approved by members from at least 3 countries, including the representatives of the World Zionist Organization and the World Jewish Congress. (AIII-S1(b)).
  - c. General meetings of the Corporation shall be held every two years and at least every 4 years in Israel (AIII S5).
  - d. Article III Section 7 to be abolished.
  - e. Meetings of the Board of Trustees may be held without notice, provided that there is a quorum which includes at least one member from the World Zionist Organization and one member from the World Jewish Congress. (AIII-S8)



לשכת יו"ר ההנהלה

Office of the Chairman of the Executive

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- f. An office not filled by the Board of Trustees may be filled by the Executive Committee in session only and not by mail ballot. The Executive Committee shall also have the power to fill vacancies in any office from the same organization from which such vacancy has occurred. (AIV-S1)
- g. The number of Vice Presidents be increased from 5 to 7. One of them representing the World Zionist Organization (AIV-S1).
- h. If any representative of a member organization is unable to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees and/or the Executive Committee or any other committee of the Corporation, he may appoint a substitute to act in his name and on his behalf.
- i. The President shall have the power to designate a nominating committee with the prior consent of the majority of the Vice Presidents, at least one of them from the World Zionist Organization (The President).
- j. The Chairman of the Executive shall have the power to appoint Committees with the prior consent of the majority of the Vice Presidents, at least one of them from the World Zionist Organization.
- k. The Head Office of the Corporation should be transferred to Jerusalem as of July 1st 1996.

Submitted May 31st 1994.

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## RELEVANT SELECTIONS FROM THE BY-LAWS

Article I, Section 3. International, multi-national, and national organizations of the Jewish community, whose aims and activities are related to the preservation of Jewish culture, for which purpose the Corporation was created, shall be eligible for membership.

The admission of organizations which are divisions of international, multi-national, or national bodies that are already members of the Corporation shall be avoided. Government and quasi-governmental agencies and their branches shall not be eligible for membership.

Article II, Section 1. There shall be a general meeting of the Corporation every two years in each even calendar year for the election of members of the Board of Trustees and for receiving the biennial reports of the officers, Trustees and committees, and the transaction of other business, at such time and at such place as shall be determined by the Board of Trustees, or under its authority.

Notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary, or in his absence by the Executive Director, to each member not less than fifteen (15) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the time appointed for the meeting. Notices to overseas members shall be sent by airmail.

Article III, Section 1. (b) The Board of Trustees shall elect an Executive Committee. Between meetings of the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee shall have full power and authority to manage the affairs of the Corporation, including the power to delegate any or all of its powers and authority between its meetings to one or more committees. Any actions taken, commitments made, or undertakings given by or under the authority of the Executive Committee shall be binding on the Corporation.

Article III, Section 5. Unless otherwise determined by the general meeting of the Corporation, there shall be held immediately following the general meeting of the Corporation a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the election of officers and members of the Executive Committee and such other business as the Board of Trustees may determine. No notice of such meeting need be given.

Article III, Section 7. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6 of this Article, a meeting of the Board of Trustees may be held at any time and at any place without prior notice, and any action may be taken thereat, if notice of such meeting be waived.



Article III, Section 8. Trustees designated by one-third (1/3) of the member organizations of the Corporation, except as otherwise required by law, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the event of emergency, as determined by the President, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, or two Vice-Presidents acting together, the minimum required by law shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, a lesser number may adjourn the meeting to a date not more than thirty (30) days later provided that immediate notice of such adjournment shall be given by any of said officers to all Trustees.

Article IV, Section I. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to elect the following officers: President, Chairman of the Executive Committee, up to five Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. The Board of Trustees may also elect such other officers as it may from time to time determine. Officers other than the President, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Executive Director and Counsel, need not be Trustees of the corporation. Any office not filled by the Board of Trustees may be filled by the Executive Committee, which action may be by mail ballot. The Executive Committee shall also have the power to fill vacancies in any office.



MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RIGA, LATVIA  
June 14-16, 1994

Summary of Decisions Taken

1. Elections

- a. The following officers were elected for 1994-1996.

President:	Mr. Jack Spitzer
Chairman, Executive Committee:	Rabbi Alexander Schindler
Vice Presidents:	Dr. Josef Burg
	Prof. Menachem Elon
	Hakham Dr. Solomon Gaon
	Mrs. Sylvia Hassenfeld
	Prof. Arthur Hertzberg
Treasurer:	Mr. Carmi Schwartz
Secretary:	Mrs. June Jacobs
Assistant Secretary:	Mrs. Nicole Goldmann
Counsel:	Mr. Julius Berman

- b. Mr. Philip Klutznick, Mr. Jack Spitzer, Lord Jakobovits, and Rabbi Israel Miller were elected ad personam members of the Board of Trustees for 1994-1996.
- c. The following organizations were elected to a three-year term as members of the Executive Committee to replace the organizations whose term on the Executive Committee was completed:



Federation of Jewish Communities of Romania  
The World Zionist Organization  
The Central British Fund-World Jewish Relief  
Brit Ivrit Olamit  
World Union of Poalei Agudat Yisrael

The Israel Academy of Science and the Humanities and the Confederacao Israelito Do Brasil were elected to the Executive Committee for a two-year period to fill the vacancies created by the election of Mrs. Sylvia Hassenfeld and Professor Menachem Elon as Vice Presidents.

The World Union for Progressive Judaism was elected to the Executive Committee for a one-year term to fill the vacancy created by the election of Dr. Josef Burg as Vice President.

2. Report of the Executive Vice President

Dr. Jerry Hochbaum's report, summarizing the Foundation's achievements over the past two years and outlining key initiatives taken and those planned for the future, was approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Board approved the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Carmi Schwartz, reviewing the investment portfolio of the Foundation.

4. Nahum Goldmann Fellowship

Ms. Caroline Sassoon, representing the Fellows, and Professor Herman Branover, representing the faculty, reported on the fourth Nahum Goldmann Fellowship, which took place in Zvenigorod, near Moscow in August, 1993. The Fellowship for the summer of 1995 was approved.

5. Soviet Jewry

- a. Professor Branover, Chairman of the Committee on Soviet Jewry, delivered a comprehensive report on the Foundation's activities in the Former Soviet Union, which was approved.



- b. Dr. Jack Ukeles delivered a preliminary report on the Jewish cultural integration of emigrants from the former Soviet Union to Israel and the United States. This report was based upon an extensive study commissioned by the Memorial Foundation of the emigrant populations in each country and the many programs established to aid in Jewish acculturation. The study was overseen by a committee consisting of Professors Mordechai Altshuler, Herman Branover and Zvi Gitelman, and carried out by Ukeles Associates.

Dr. Hochbaum reported that a pilot research project on the same subject was being done in Moscow. The Board decided that these reports when finalized should not only be used to guide our future efforts in this area but should also be shared with key officials in Israel and the leadership of the American Jewish community.

- c. Dr. Ellen Isler, Director General of World ORT, delivered a report on a cooperative venture between the Memorial Foundation, which initiated the program, and World ORT to establish a computer link amongst Jewish schools in the former Soviet Union and experts in Jewish education at ORT headquarters and elsewhere throughout the world. The purpose of the distance learning program, she reported, is to enable Jewish students far from major Jewish educational centers to study Jewish culture, contact teachers and other experts in Jewish education, and access state-of-the-art educational materials and Judaica resources through their computers. The program was launched in Riga and will eventually be expanded to schools throughout the former Soviet Union.
- d. Mr. Anatoly Friedman, principal of the Jewish day school in Riga and Chairman of the Association of Jewish Schools in the CIS and Baltic States reported on the Foundation's role in founding and supporting the association, which now has twenty members, and the three-week educational mission to the United States for members of the association in December, 1993, which was sponsored and organized by the Foundation. He also reported that the Association will organize a seminar of cultural enrichment for the principals in Israel next winter, sponsored by the Foundation in cooperation with the State of Israel.

enrichment for the principals in Israel next winter, sponsored by the Foundation in cooperation with the State of Israel.

6. Committee of Dispersed Jewish Communities

Rabbi Israel Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Dispersed Jewish Communities, related the history of the Foundation's work in this area and introduced Dr. Gregory Kroupnikov, Chairman of the Jewish community in Riga who reported on the Committee's most recent project, Riga as a model community. Dr. Kroupnikov described in detail the numerous programs Riga has undertaken for strengthening Jewish cultural life in a community formerly under the Communist rule, many with Foundation support, which might be replicated in other communities in the CIS and Baltic States.

7. Jewish Family Education

Mrs. Yaeli Eisenstadt reported on the Jewish Family Education project the Foundation was introducing in the CIS, both for families considering aliya and those likely to remain in the CIS. The model for this program was based on the Foundation's successful program in the United States which is being adapted to the CIS. One seminar was held last spring and the second will be held next summer. The Board approved her report.

8. Holocaust

- a. Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Co-Chairman of the Commission on the Holocaust, reported on the Foundation's recent activities and its deliberations concerning the Revisionists, Holocaust education, and the Holocaust in the CIS, as summarized in the Book of Documents. Rabbi Schindler's report was approved by the Board of Trustees.
- b. Mr. Avner Shalev of Yad Vashem reported on Yad Vashem's work in the field of Holocaust education, supported in part by the Memorial Foundation, and outlined plans for a major new project, initiated by the Foundation, to develop a manifesto on Holocaust education, including a new guiding educational philosophy, as well as curricula and materials which will respond to changing challenges in this area which have occurred in the fifty years that have passed since World War II.



9. History of Polish Jewry

Dr. Josef Burg reported on the progress to date of the preparation of the publication of a multi-volume history of Polish Jewry edited by Professor Israel Gutman, a project initiated and commissioned by the Memorial Foundation, which would serve as the historical record of the great civilization destroyed in the Holocaust. This is part of an ongoing series of scholarly projects commissioned by the Foundation.

10. Report of Allocations Committee

Following a report by the Chairman of the Allocations Committee, Professor Arthur Hertzberg, the Board approved all allocations and cancellations listed in the Book of Allocations for 1994-1996. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, following an appeal by the World Federation of Jewish Fighters, Partisans and Inmates, the Board voted to vacate the allocation to Yad Vashem for the 50th Anniversary of the Liberation, preparation and publication of educational materials dealing with the liberation (project #94-0765-07), and to replace it with an allocation for that same project to the World Federation, working in conjunction with Yad Vashem, in the amount of \$25,000.

11. Budget

The budget for 1994-1996 for the Memorial Foundation as recorded in the Book of Documents was approved by the Board of Trustees.

12. Investment and Banking Resolution and General Resolution of Ratification

The enclosed General Investment and Banking Resolution and General Resolution of Ratification was ratified by the Board of Trustees.

13. Committee on Scope

At the recommendation of Professor Arthur Hertzberg the Board of Trustees decided to establish a committee to examine the scope of the Foundation's programs, especially for institutions. The committee should report to the Board at the next biennial meeting in 1996.



14. Scholarship and Fellowship Program

Rabbi Israel Miller reported on grants made through the International Community Service Scholarship program, and Dr. Jerry Hochbaum reported on grants made through the International Doctoral, Fellowship and Rabbinic Programs, as listed in the Book of Documents for 1994-1995. Their reports were unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

15. Other Business

- a. The Committee on Administration will review the feasibility of recognizing Hebrew as an official language at Memorial Foundation Board of Trustees Meetings, including the cost of its implementation.
- b. The Committee on Administration will review the Foundation's election procedures.
- c. The Board of Trustees passed a resolution thanking the Jewish community of Latvia, the government of Latvia and its President and Prime Minister, and the Ambassador of Israel to Latvia, for their efforts on behalf of the Foundation during the course of its meeting in Riga.

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE, INC.

BANKING AND INVESTMENT RESOLUTIONS

June 13-16, 1994

**RESOLVED:** That for the operating accounts at Chemical Bank, Bank of New York/Dreyfus Liquid Assets Inc., Citibank, N.A. or Smith Barney Shearson Financial Management Account, the authorized signatories shall be any two of the following: President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Secretary, Counsel, Executive Vice-President, Executive Director and Controller;

and, it is further

**RESOLVED:** That any two officers of the Corporation be and are hereby authorized to open, operate and close and to delegate authority for the opening, operation and closing of any account of the Corporation in any bank or trust company in the State of New York or anywhere else in the world, and such accounts will require the signature of any two of the officers of this Corporation, or other persons authorized to sign in its behalf.

The appropriate resolutions and agreements applicable in the case of each such banking institutions are hereby made part of these minutes as though fully set forth therein.

**RESOLVED:** The Treasurer and one other officer of the Corporation are authorized from time to time to buy, sell and exchange securities.

For borrowing or hypothecating, the President or the Treasurer and any two other officers of the Corporation may borrow funds for or on behalf of the Corporation, and in connection therewith, sign, seal and deliver such promissory notes and other documents as may be required, and to hypothecate any assets of the Corporation.

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GENERAL RESOLUTION OF RATIFICATION

June 13-16, 1994

**RESOLVED:** That all actions taken, things done, undertakings and commitments given, and the disbursement of funds made by the directors, officers, employees and agents of the Corporation on its behalf during the period extending from the date of the last preceding biannual meeting of the Corporation, to and including this date, and the same are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.



# MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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*file*

September 1, 1994

Mr. Jack J. Spitzer  
9725 S.E. 36th Street  
(Suite 304)  
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Dear Jack:

Under separate cover, I am sending you copies of the reports of the comprehensive review and evaluation undertaken by the Foundation during the last several years.

I am also enclosing correspondence of the last several days as examples of the variety of universities and educational bodies who possess information about the Foundation's programs, which we discussed.

Warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Jerry Hochbaum

JH:fzs  
Enc.

bcc: ✓ Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler





ENCLOSURES

1. Committee on Review:

- (a) Institutional Review, 1983
- (b) Institutional Review, 1984
- (c) Institutional Review, 1985
- (d) Doctoral Review, 1986
- (e) Fellowship Review, 1987
- (f) Evaluation of Post-Rabbinic Scholarship Program
- (g) General Report, 1988
- (h) Evaluation of International Community Service Scholarship Program

2. The Foundation's Holocaust Program: A Review and Evaluation

3. Committee on Eastern Europe:

- (a) Jewry in Eastern Europe
- (b) The Cultural Condition of Jews in the USSR and Eastern Europe since 1945
- (c) Recommendation of Committee on Eastern Europe

4. Soviet Jewry:

- (a) Evaluation of Soviet Jewry Projects
- (b) Educational Programs for Soviet Jews
- (c) Raising Jewish Consciousness in the USSR - a Cultural Program for Soviet Jewry
- (d) Programs for Soviet Jewry, 1965 - 1989

(cont'd)

5. Jewish Education:

- (a) An Evaluation and Guidelines for an Education Program
- (b) Adding a New Dimension to Teaching and Learning
- (c) The New Technology - Strategies for Enhancing Jewish Education
- (d) Committee on Jewish Education and New Technology

6. Jewish Family:

- (a) The Jewish Family Today: An Overview
- (b) A Report on the Committee on the Stabilization of the Jewish Family
- (c) Tale of Two Cities: Report of Committee on Stabilization of the Jewish Family

- 7. Publications Supported by the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture
- 8. Grants for Sephardic Culture and Communities
- 9. After Four Decades: The Responsibilities of Israel and the Diaspora to Jewish Life and Culture
- 10. The Cultural Condition of the Jewish People
- 11. Jewish Studies: Past Achievements and Present Needs
- 12. The Jewish Community in the 21st Century - The Role of the Memorial Foundation
- 13. Israel, Diaspora, and Jewish Culture



AUG 30 1994

August 26, 1994

Dear Scholarship Provider,

The name of this organization appeared on a list of from the Nova University financial aid office. I believe I meet criteria necessary to apply for a scholarship.

Please send me an application.

Thank You,  
Shari Cohen-Abel  
6660 Johnson St.  
Hollywood, FL 33024

If You have any questions, please call (305) 964-1492.







THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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August 19, 1994

Executive Director  
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture  
15 East 26th Street  
Room 1901  
New York, NY 10010

Dear Sir/Madam:

The enclosed information appears in our "Calendar of Granting Agencies" which is maintained by our office for the benefit of academic staff and postdoctoral level researchers at this university.

Would you be kind enough to make any deletions or additions that you feel are necessary to accurately describe your awards program.

It would also be helpful if you would provide us with a supply of application forms and guidelines (where applicable) and your most recent Annual Report (if available for distribution).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Gina Anderson,  
Research Information Officer

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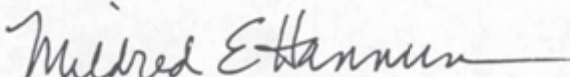
Enclosed please find a page proof of the information contained in the GRANTS database for your grant. The database currently lists more than 8,500 funding programs including grants, grants-in-aid, fellowships, graduate stipends and scholarships, exchanges, prizes and awards, and internships. In addition to being available in electronic format, this information is published in specialized volumes including the *Directory of Research Grants*, *Directory of Grants in the Humanities*, and *Directory of Biomedical and Health Care Grants*. Listings in the GRANTS Database and any resulting print publications are always free of charge.

Please review this listing, mark any necessary corrections directly on the page, and sign and return it to me within 14 days. The questionnaire has been provided in the event that your revisions are more extensive than space will allow. If using the questionnaire, please return both the questionnaire and the signed page proof. I encourage you to submit any supplemental materials such as brochures, fact sheets, annual reports, or other printed materials that provide relevant program information. Also, please add me to your mailing list for announcements and updates of your funding program.

By returning the requested information in the enclosed postage-paid envelope, you will ensure that accurate and current data will be reported to GRANTS Database users, and that the proposals you receive will satisfy your program requirements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at, (602) 997-9103, or FAX: (602) 265-6250. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Mildred E. Hannum  
Editor

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# MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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15 East 26th Street  
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January 10, 1994

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Member Organizations  
FROM: Dr. Jerry Hochbaum  
RE: Per Diem Payments for Biennial Meeting in Riga

As you know, the Memorial Foundation reimburses one of your delegates for travel and per diem expenses for attendance at the forthcoming Biennial meeting of the Memorial Foundation, which will be held in Riga, Latvia, on Monday, June 13 to Thursday, June 16 1994.

We are listing on the attached form the individual designated by your organization to receive that payment for the last Biennial meeting in Madrid. Please advise us if you wish to retain the same person or replace him/her with another delegate.

Please return the attached form to us before February 15, 1994. If we do not hear from you by then, we will assume that the same individual will again receive per diem payment for the meeting in Riga.

Please be advised that the Officers of the Executive Committee of the Foundation have decided that per diem expenses will be paid only to those organizations whose dues to the Foundation have been paid in full.

Kind regards.

JH:mb  
enc.

*[Handwritten signature]*





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August 26, 1994

From: Edie Miller

To: Paul Rockfield

Enclosed is a check for \$1,300. from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. This is to cover expenses for Rabbi Schindler's travel to a Foundation meeting held in Riga this past June.

Please credit the travel line with this reimbursement inasmuch as the Union paid the bills for Rabbi Schindler's trip.

Many thanks.



# MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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August 23, 1994

Rabbi Alexander Schindler  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York N.Y. 10021-7064

Dear Rabbi Schindler,

Pursuant to your request, enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$1,300.00. This payment represents reimbursement of travel expenses in connection with the attendance by you at the Memorial Foundation's Board of Trustee Meeting held in Riga during June 1994.

Sincerely yours,



David Goldman  
Controller

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Enc.  
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# MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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August 5, 1994

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Ave.  
New York, NY 10021-7064

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

We have received the copy of the ticket stub and your letter dated August 1st addressed to Dr. Jerry Hochbaum.

Dr. Hochbaum, is presently abroad on Foundation business. When he returns at the end of August, I will bring your correspondence to his attention.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Maxine Blecher  
Secretary to  
Dr. Jerry Hochbaum

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August 1, 1994  
24 Av 5754

Dr. Jerry Hochbaum  
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture  
15 East 26th Street  
New York, NY 10010

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed is a copy of my ticket stub for travel to Riga. As you know, I went from our sessions to Israel for meetings of the Jewish Agency and also stopped in London en route home. Thus, I believe reimbursement from the Memorial Foundation should be made on the basis of a round trip flight from New York to Riga to New York plus the usual per diem.

Please have the check made out to the UAHC in order to reimburse them for my travel costs which they have paid. Please do send the check to me and I will transmit it to the proper person.

Many thanks and warm regards.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

Encl.

# MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

15 East 26th Street  
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February 7, 1994

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Union of American  
Hebrew Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Alex:

We were pleased to learn that you have been designated to represent the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at the next Biennial Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Memorial Foundation. As you know, the meeting will take place at the Hotel Latvia in Riga, Latvia, from Monday, June 13th to Thursday, June 16th. The meeting of the Executive Committee, of which you are a member, will begin mid-afternoon on Monday, June 13th.

As the representative of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, designated by it to receive reimbursement for your attendance at our meeting, the Memorial Foundation will cover your airfare, hotel, and meal expenses. You will be reimbursed for an economy-class, round-trip ticket. A room has been reserved for you at the above hotel. The Memorial Foundation will also provide you with meal vouchers for the duration of the meeting.

In accordance with the decision of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, travel and per-diem costs are paid only to the representatives of member organizations whose dues have been fully paid. Please confirm with your organization that its dues have been remitted to the Foundation. Governmental regulations connected with our tax-exempt status require that you send us a copy of your airplane ticket after the meeting for reimbursement.

Please return the enclosed form to our office by March 30th so that we can finalize your accommodation for you. Only by complying with this deadline, can we assure you your hotel reservation in Riga.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Looking forward to seeing you in June.

Warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Jerry Hochbaum  
Executive Vice-President

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Chairman, Executive Committee  
#304, Globe Building  
9725 S. E. 36th Street  
Mercer Island, WA 98040  
Phone (206) 232-3510  
Fax (206) 232-9879

July 13, 1994

Mr. Yehiel Leket  
Acting Chairman of the Executive  
World Zionist Organization  
The Jewish Agency for Israel  
P. O. Box 92  
Jerusalem 91000  
ISRAEL



Dear Mr. Leket:

This morning I received your letter of June 20th containing your recommendations for the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, which I will appoint, to consider the recommendations previously made by you, as well as other changes which may be appropriate in our laws, to be proposed to the next meeting of the Board of the Memorial Foundation.

I acknowledge your suggesting the membership of the committee and will consider those suggestions along with other suggestions that I receive or solicit.

It is not clear from your correspondence that you were advised that the Memorial Foundation recognized the passing of your mother-in-law by adjourning in memorial tribute to her.

I look forward to meeting you and having your constructive support of the operation and mission of the Memorial Foundation.

Sincerely,

Jack J. Spitzer  
President

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cc: ✓ Dr. Jerry Hochbaum  
Rabbi Alex Schindler

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הסתדרות הציונית העולמית  
World Zionist Organization

הסוכנות היהודית לארץ-ישראל  
The Jewish Agency for Israel



יחיאל לקט, יו"ר ההנהלה בפועל

Yehiel Leket, Acting Chairman of the Executive  
20 June 1994

Mr. Jack Spitzer  
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture  
Fax: 206-232-9879

Dear Mr. Spitzer,

I was sorry that, because of unforeseen personal reasons, I had to cancel my participation in the Biennial meeting of the Memorial Foundation and was therefore unable to bring before it the stand of the World Zionist Organization and Israel.

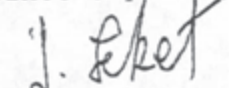
I have received a report from Mr. Uzi Narkiss on the deliberations. I was glad to hear that you announced the formation of the Committee which you promised to establish. I suggest that the Committee be set up as follows:

1. 1 representative of the Foundation
2. 1 representative of the WZO
3. 1 representative of the World Jewish Congress
4. 2 representatives of the Holocaust survivors Organizations (in Israel and the USA).
5. 1 representative from Israel representing members of the Foundation from various Israeli institutions.
6. 1 representative from the South American continent to be nominated by them.
7. 1 representative from Europe to be nominated by them.

I hope that my suggestions are acceptable to you and as I already wrote to you the committee should look into the by-laws of the Foundation and its procedures of functioning both materially and from the administrative and organizational aspects.

I hope to see you soon and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

  
Yehiel Leket

cc: Mr. Uzi Narkiss

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# MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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July 22, 1994

Mr. Noach Flug  
Centre of Organizations of  
Holocaust Survivors in Israel  
Hechalutz Street, 68/2  
Jerusalem, ISRAEL

Dear Noach:

Your undated letter, as faxed to me, did not provide a readable address or fax number. I have now received your address from our New York office and can respond to your summary of our meeting, requested by you, which included Roman Kent.

Yes, I agreed enthusiastically that we wanted all of the members of the Board of Trustees to work together, in harmony, to accomplish the expanding mission of our Foundation.

I agreed, too, that I like and respect Naftali Lavie and Ben Meeds. (Yehiel Leket, whom I am looking forward to meeting and working with, was not mentioned in that conversation). You and Roman urged that the vice-presidents be enlarged by two, and I stated that I would forward to the By-Laws Committee, when appointed, your (and Roman's) recommendation.

Your letter, a copy of which is enclosed, now urges three additional vice-presidents and indicates the distinguished individuals who should be elected to fill those positions.

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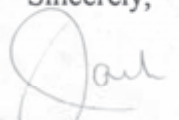


Mr. Noach Flug  
Centre of Organizations of  
Holocaust Survivors in Israel  
July 22, 1994  
Page 2 of 2

I would want to be very clear that I made no commitment, nor did I take a position on your recommendation.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Jack J. Spitzer

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Enclosure

cc: ✓ Dr. Alex Schindler  
Dr. Jerry Hochbaum  
Roman Kent



*This, will, among other items,  
be on our agenda when  
we meet the afternoon  
and evening of Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>*  
*J.*



## מרכז ארגונים של ניצולי שואה בישראל

## CENTRE OF ORGANIZATIONS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS IN ISRAEL

רח' אגודת גוטה 4, ת.ד. 7218, ירושלים, 91071 טלפון : 02-731-7377 טלפקס : 02-731-7377

Mr. Jack Spitzer

Chairman

Memorial Foundation For Jewish Culture

15 East 26th Street

New York, NY 10010

Jerusalem, 11.7.94

Dear Jack,

It is my privilege to summarize the very fruitful meeting we had together with Mr. Roman Kott in Stockholm on the 19th June 1994.

It is especially memorable and significant that the harmonic relationship between us [אנחנו] reestablished after the turbulent meeting and initial disagreement in the biannual meeting of the Memorial Foundation in Riga.

I am very pleased that you have agreed to make all possible effort to ensure the nomination of 3 additional vice-presidents to the Memorial Foundation: Mr. Y. Leket, Mr. H. Moral and Mr. N. Lavie.

I am sure that the excellent cooperation between our organizations and the Memorial Foundation will continue in the future, also in the special committee we agreed upon, for the benefit of our important cause.

Sincerely Yours

N. Flug  
N. Flug  
Secretary General

C.C. Mr. Roman Kott



*faxed 6/29*

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER • UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS  
PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021-7064 (212)249-0100

Via Fax 1 page

June 29, 1994

TO: Avner Shalev

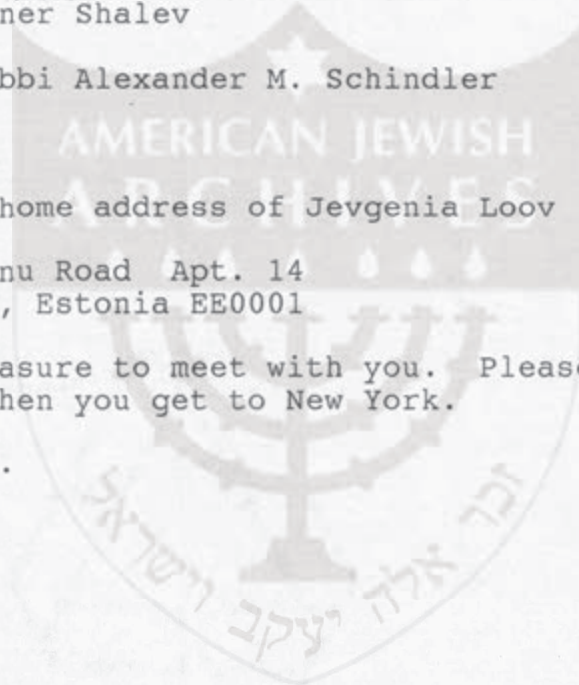
FROM: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Here is the home address of Jevgenia Loov

6 P. Arnu Road Apt. 14  
Tallinn, Estonia EE0001

It was a pleasure to meet with you. Please be sure to  
contact me when you get to New York.

Fond regards.





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RABBI ALEXANDER M. SCHINDLER • UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS  
PRESIDENT 838 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021-7064 (212)249-0100

April 25, 1994  
14 Iyar 5754

Mr. Jack J. Spitzer  
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture  
~~#304 Globe Building~~  
9725 S. E. 36th Street  
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Dear Jack:

Just a note to let you know that I have contacted Spielberg's attorney and he has promised to relay our request. Should I hear anything, I will so advise you and I trust that you will do the same if you receive a response directly.

With fondest regards from house to house, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

cc: Dr. Jerry Hochbaum



# MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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April 15, 1994

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Union of American Hebrew  
Congregations  
838 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Dear Alex:

Jack Spitzer's office sent the attached letter to you  
via the Foundation.

Warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Jerry Hochbaum

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Enc.



# MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

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March 30, 1994

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Mercer Island, WA 98040  
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Steven Spielberg  
Amblin Entertainment  
Universal Studios  
100 Universal City Plaza  
Universal City, CA 91608-1085

Dear Mr. Spielberg:

May I join the many who have acknowledged to you the excellence, yes the superb quality, of "Schindler's List". Like so many other great films directed by you, this is clearly an entertainment hit and a great financial success. But its impact and meaning go far beyond that.

Therefore my specific reason for my writing to you at this time:

In the immediate post-war (World War II) era, a giant of the Jewish community, Dr. Nahum Goldman, who was then the president of both the World Jewish Congress and the World Zionist Organization, negotiated with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer very significant reparations for Israel and for individual survivors of the Nazi period. Those reparations were both for the crimes from which they survived and for property stolen from victims. But Goldman was quick to point out to Chancellor Adenauer that the first of the hideous crimes of the Nazis was to burn the books and attempt to destroy the culture of the Jewish community.

Based upon this understanding, the German government contributed an initial sum of money which has since been augmented by portions of moneys given to the government of Israel and, more recently, a commitment to give 10 million deutschemarks in 1993 and 1994--the first half of which was given to me in a check of 2.9 million dollars in New York last August. We anticipate the remaining 5 million deutschemarks to be paid within the next several months. All of these moneys have gone into an endowment fund--the interest and earnings of which have been used in a manner described more fully in the 25 year report which I am enclosing with this letter.

The Memorial Foundation For Jewish Culture is the most representative organization in Jewish life because of the membership of national and international organizations throughout the length and breadth of Jewry. It is not well known because it does not solicit funds, although we have had foundation grants to help support many of our innovative projects. We have husbanded the corpus which itself surprised the German authorities and led to this current commitment of an additional 10 million deutschemarks.



The moneys have been used in many constructive ways. Over a period of the last 30 years of operation, we have given away almost 60 million dollars in grants to scholars, to developing leaders, and for the publication of materials to redevelop and enhance Jewish culture and Jewish leadership--largely in Eastern Europe and the area of the Soviet Union--although probably 60 per cent of the funds have been sent to Israel to strengthen their cultural resources.

The Board of the Memorial Foundation will be having its biennial meeting this June 13th to 16th in Riga, Latvia because we have played such a significant role in the revival and rehabilitation of that Jewish community.

The enclosed report will give you a picture of what we have done and the nature of our operations to this date.

I am writing to you as the chairman of its executive committee and anticipating further responsibility in this very unusual organization, to suggest to you that I feel strongly, along with others of our leadership, that we need to have a much broader effect on Jewish culture to fulfill our mission. We have done such things as, in association with World ORT, developing computer programs for Jewish education. But I feel that we have not sufficiently impacted the broad areas of Jewish culture--both with adults and young people, in today's society.

I have the feeling that "Schindler's List" will have a greater impact in an identification of Jews with Jewishness, and sensitizing non-Jews to an awareness of one horrible era of Jewish experience, than anything The Memorial Foundation might have done over these thirty years.

On the other hand, we are most interested in presenting not just this horrendous experience in the Jewish saga, but to, in many ways, present the beautiful things--the constructive things--the exciting things in our Jewish heritage. For that, we need to embrace the wider facets of media communication. For that purpose we would be honored and privileged to have you as a consultant to advise us as to how we might be more effective in our commitment to enhance Jewish culture.

It would be a wonderful thing if you could join us at our biennial meeting in Riga in June. Assuming that might not be possible, I would like to suggest a meeting at a time and place mutually convenient when we might discuss an ongoing relationship, and with your counsel, we might be more effective in achieving our mission. To this end you could make a very significant contribution to Jewish life.

I mentioned above that the Memorial Foundation is the most representative organization in Jewish life. You might look at the inside back cover of the enclosed publication which lists the member organizations all of whom, I am sure, you could identify. And the fact is that since that publication came out, a number of additional organizations have been admitted to our ranks including survivor organizations of Americans and Israelis.



Won't you please advise me of your interest and possible availability. My address, phone and fax numbers are shown on this stationery. It would be a pleasure and a privilege to hear from you regarding the above.

With best wishes and again my warm congratulations, I am

Sincerely,



Jack J. Spitzer

JJS:er

cc: Lord E. Jakobovits  
Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler  
Dr. Jerry Hochbaum

Enclosure:

To: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Alex:

You will recall that you indicated that you knew or had contact with Steven Spielberg's attorney. Won't you please be kind enough to follow this up and see if that source can give reinforcement to this invitation.

Thank you very kindly.

